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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, IO, US

SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PREPARATION FOR MAY MEETING
OF UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

REFS: (A) RANGOON 0985 (NOTAL)
(B) AMMAN 2687 (NOTAL)
(C) MUSCAT 0410 (NOTAL)
(D) ANTANANARIVO 489 (NOTAL)

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